

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection


Claims 13-16 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the corresponding claims of co-pending Application Nos. 08/524,206 and 10/424,011. The attached Terminal Disclaimer is believed to overcome this rejection, the withdrawal of which is respectfully requested.

The present application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner find that there are any further issues outstanding, she is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney in order to arrange a personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-1641** (Attorney's Docket No. **39753-0021 C2**). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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